

Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14.

LOCAL NEWS

For this section colder, fair weather, light to fresh northerly winds, with frosts.

THE CURRAN CASE.—The trial of John Curran, indicted with Billy Williams, for the murder of Officer Julian Arnold in May last, was resumed in the Corporation Court this morning. Yesterday evening, when the GAZETTE's report closed, Mr. E. I. Pickett was on the stand. He was followed by A. W. Henderson, whose testimony was about the same as that given at the trial before the Mayor. Shortly before 5 o'clock court adjourned till this morning at 10 o'clock, and the jury were committed to the charge of the sergeant till that time. They were quartered at the Braddock House.

Court opened at 10 o'clock this morning, and shortly thereafter the jury came into court, and the prisoner took his place in the box. Curran looked bright and cheerful, and to an inquiry said he had no reason to feel concerned. Ex-policeman Jos. Martin was the first to take the stand and testified in substance the same as he did at the Mayor's trial. He was followed by J. F. Roberts and R. W. Coleman, whose testimony also was about the same as that they gave previously. Coleman was shown the photograph of Billy Williams, and said he thought that was the man he saw at Bousie's on the night of the killing, in company with Curran. Curran asked him the time, when he (C's) companion, Mr. Cox, said it was twenty minutes to twelve. This was some time before the shooting.

W. H. Cox testified that Curran was the man who asked him and Coleman the time on the night of the killing.

Ross Thompson recognized the picture of Billy Williams as the man he saw near Bousie's on the night of the killing, but could not say that he saw Curran.

Edward Horne, a special officer of Washington, recognized Curran and said he knew Billy Williams. He was shown the picture of Williams, and he recognized him as the one he had met on an original taken about a week ago. A pair of "key-chips" which were found on the grounds on the night of the killing were shown him, which he identified as a burglar's tool.

J. C. Little, of Washington, testified that he knew Billy Williams, and identified the picture. He also identified the key-chips shown him as belonging to Billy Williams.

Afternoon testimony in Williams' case, taken on the 13th, was resumed. Testimony was given by two pairs, and there were no others like them in the United States. He admitted that his brother was suspected of having killed Arnold, and said he happened to see his brother was now probably roaming around the country with Williams.

At 1 o'clock, while Little was still on the stand, court took a recess.

Court re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock, when Little testified that Williams usually carried a pistol which carried a ball similar to the one that killed Arnold.

Horne was recalled, and said that the ball shown him was the kind of ball usually fired from the English bull dog pistol.

Capt. Webster identified the ball which killed Arnold; the pippers that were handed him by Martin; recognized Curran, and said when he was brought to the station house he was in a very bloody condition. He said a man named Snack was put in the cell with Curran the night of the arrest to see if he could find out anything from the prisoner.

John Davis, a small colored boy, testified to finding a bullet in the middle of the street, near Bousie's, the morning after the shooting and giving it to Mr. Calvin Smith. Mr. Bousie gave him fifty cents for finding the ball.

Joshua Sherwood and J. C. Smith took the stand but their evidence was unimportant.

This closed the evidence for the Commonwealth, and, with the consent of Court, the counsel for the prisoner deferred introducing their witnesses till tomorrow.

Court then at 3:50 o'clock adjourned till tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

IT WAS ALMOST A STRIKE.—Almost a strike took place on Wednesday on the Excelsior, of the Potomac Steamboat Co. The men were requested to stop work by the Washington assembly, because Capt. Wansie, of the Excelsior, had been discharged. He belonged to the Pilots' Assembly, and it was claimed that he was discharged because he was a knight of labor. It has created considerable excitement in Baltimore among the trades involved. The *American* says: "The indications were that the men would go to work to-day. The boiler makers employed on the boat are from Chas. Reeder & Sons. There are a good many trades employed on vessels, including boiler-makers, machinists, painters, caulkers and others. The vessel is undergoing considerable repairs, and lies at Woodall's dry dock. About thirty men will work on the Excelsior. The Excelsior came over from Washington on Monday."

THE PROPOSED MT. VERNON AVENUE.—The preliminary survey of the proposed Mt. Vernon avenue will begin at the south end of the Aqueduct bridge to-morrow. The surveyors, Messrs. Newby, Sickles and Gillingham, will trace the best line to Washington street, past Christ Church, and then across Hunting Creek to Mt. Vernon gate. It is proposed to make the avenue pass Gum Spring which has so many historical reminiscences connected with it. It was at this spot that Gen. Washington, LaFayette and other distinguished men of that day used to stop on their way to and from Mt. Vernon to make their toddlers and shake their thirist, mint grown at Mt. Vernon being used for their juleps.

THE JANNEY CAR COUPLER.—At the annual convention of the Master Car Builders' Association, held in Minneapolis last June, a resolution was passed by over a two-thirds vote, recommending that the association adopt as their standard form of coupling the Janney type of coupler, and that the recommendation be submitted to letter ballot. The result of this ballot has just been announced and the Janney type of coupler is now the standard for freight cars of the Master Car Builders' Association for the United States and Canada.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.—The Virginia Board of Pharmacy at Richmond adjourned yesterday evening, after a session of two days, occupied chiefly with the examination of candidates for license to practice pharmacy in this State. Among the young gentlemen who passed a successful examination, which entitles them to certificates as licentiates in pharmacy, were C. M. Corson, Fredericksburg; B. C. Cochran, Orange Courthouse and Henry McKay, Harrisonburg.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge N. B. Meade presiding.—E. Francis qualified as administrator of F. E. Derby, deceased.

Com. vs. John Curran; indictment for murder; jury, and case in progress.

THE MIKADO was well rendered at the Opera House last night by the Templeton Company, though only a small audience was present. The scenery was good, the dressing handsome, the acting excellent and the singing fine. All present highly enjoyed the opera, and those who were absent really missed a good performance. To-night Girella Girella will be presented. To-morrow, at the matinee, *Pinocchio* will be presented, when the prices of admission will be 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children.

PERSONAL.—Mrs. H. Leterman, who has been spending the past six weeks with her father, Alderman Strauss, left yesterday for her home in Charlottesville.

Miss Alma Penn has gone to South Carolina for the benefit of her health.

The wedding of Miss Rebecca Tabb, of Baltimore, to Mr. S. G. Breat, of this city, is announced to take place November 27th at St. Michael's P. E. Church, corner of St. Paul and First streets.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear and cool with one prisoner and three lodgers at the station house.

The only case before the Mayor this morning was that of a countryman arrested last night by officer Davis for disorderly conduct, but the countryman failing to appear forfeited his collateral.

"Yes you'll find people ready enough, to do the good Samaritan, without the oil and two pence"—so, also, you find the whole American population ready to recommend Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup—but only really good men, ready to offer a quarter to buy a bottle.

The Battle of Williamsburg.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette: Your correspondent, C. W. G., in giving the names of the killed and wounded of the 17th Regiment at the Battle of Williamsburg, has made an omission. No braver or truer man or officer fell on that memorable occasion than Lieut. Winston L. Carter, of Co. F, 17th regiment Virginia infantry. Among the first to respond to the call of his mother State, he left a large and helpless family and entered heart and soul into his country's cause. A true friend, a fearless enemy, high-toned and chivalrous, he was a fit type of nature's noblemen. Exceedingly popular in his country, he was elected Justice of the Peace for several consecutive terms, which position he filled with ability and integrity. A near neighbor and valued friend, no man felt the bloody struggle whose loss I more keenly felt or more deeply deplored.

A TERRIBLE CRIME.—A dispatch from Fond du Lac, Wis., says the city is highly excited over the discovery of a shocking tragedy which was committed near the limits of the town at an early hour yesterday morning. An unknown burglar entered the residence of Mrs. William Koehne and four daughters. He was discovered and made a criminal assault on one of the women, but was unsuccessful. He then attacked the five women with a club, nearly killing all of them. The walls and floor of the house were splattered with blood and everything indicated that a terrible struggle was made by the frenzied women. The assailant secured \$3 and escaped, after first threatening his mangled victims with immediate death if they made an outcry. A reward of \$300 has been offered for the detection of the criminal. The unfortunate victims are in a critical condition.

FAIRFAX COUNTY TERMS.—Bishop Randolph preached an able sermon at Fairfax, C. H., on Sunday and confirmed a class of six—four ladies and two gentlemen. He preached at Falls Church in the afternoon where there were also six candidates for confirmation.

R. W. Mr. Meade, rector of Upper Truro parish, will, we understand, discontinue his appointments at Clifton. Services will probably be held there in the future by students from the Seminary.

Alfred, oldest son of Dr. W. P. Moncure, fell from a chestnut tree last Saturday and broke his leg and nose. He is getting along as well as could be expected.—*Herald*.

The Fredericksburg *Free Lance* quoting the item from the GAZETTE about the jury-men from Fredericksburg says: "The above are but fair samples of the kind of men Fredericksburg produces. But, my! If the GAZETTE could only see a dozen of our best looking girls, it's mouth would water and the 'devil' go deranged as the one of the *Lance* does whenever school breaks." It does not require schools to break to derange our 'devil,' that being about his normal condition.

Geo. W. Earhart, Captain of Police, Baltimore, Md., said: "I have used Salvation Oil and found it a most excellent remedy. It has my hearty recommendation."

To Enliven Our Cotton Underwear Department.

We are willing to make sacrifices to boom a certain stock at any time. Even as staple as the following goods are and as desirable as they were at their original prices, we have nevertheless determined to leave the reduced prices on them for one week, beginning this day.

None should fail to attend this special sale.

20 DOZEN LADIES' MUSLIN GOWNS.

In four different styles.

Made of best muslin, yoke of four clusters of tucks and two rows of insertion, nine tucks in each cluster; trimmed around yoke, neck and sleeves with embroidery edge, finished in herring-bone stitch; full regular make. Only 98c.

Style 1.

Is trimmed with four rows of insertion; six clusters of tucks; trimmed around neck and sleeves with embroidery ruffles. Only 98c.

Style 2.

Has yoke of fine tucks, two rows of insertion; trimmed around yoke, neck and sleeves with fine embroidery ruffles. Best muslin. Only 98c.

Style 3.

All over yoke of embroidery, with six fine tucks between embroidery ruffles around yoke, neck and sleeves. Only 98c.

Style 4.

Our Cotton Underwear Department is kept separate from all other stocks and is presided over by experienced sales-ladies.

Our Reduction is at all times warranted. The prices guaranteed.

The workmanship and material are very much taken in consideration.

Money refunded for goods not satisfactory.

Also 500 dozen 5-8 Bleached German Napkins at \$1.22 per dozen, worth \$1.75.

60 pieces Bleached German Table Damask, plain, white or with red border, at 50c per yard; worth 65c.

LANSBURG & BRO., Largest Store in Washington, 420, 422, 424 and 426 7th st.

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